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1. PARAGRAPH 2 OF REF A REQUESTED INFORMATION CONCERNING
PERCENTAGES OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES, BOTH ACTUAL AND
OPTIMAL, WHICH NATO COUNTRIES CONSIDER DIRECTLY RELATED TO
PARTICIPATION IN THE ALLIANCE.

2. MEMBER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE US, DO NOT BREAK OUT
THEIR DEFENSE EXPENDITURES INTO NATO AND NON-NATO CATE-
GORIES BECAUSE (A) NO FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENT EXISTS FOR
SUCH A BREAKDOWN AND (B) ANY SUCH CATEGORIZATION WOULD BE
STRICTLY ARBITRARY AS COSTING OF MULTI-PURPOSE FORCES WOULD
INVOLVE ARBITRARY ALLOCATIONS OF FIXED COSTS AGAINST NATO
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NATO COUNTRIES" TO EMBASSY MADRID. THIS PUBLICATION BRINGS
TOGETHER THE MAIN FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC DATA USED BY THE
DEFENCE REVIEW COMMITTEE AND THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE IN A
SINGLE REFERENCE DOCUMENT AND PROVIDES A SOURCE FROM WHICH
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